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1. HEREWITH FULL TEXT NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 1 HEADED "FERMENT IN THE WARSAW PACT."

2. LEONID I. BREZHNEV'S STATE VISITS TO BELGRADE AND  
BUCHAREST IN RECENT WEEKS SUGGEST THAT THE KREMLIN IS PRE-  
OCCUPIED WITH EASTERN EUROPEAN PROBLEMS THESE DAYS. NOW  
THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE SESSION OF  
THE WARSAW TREATY ORGANIZATION PROVIDES SOME CLUES TO THE  
NATURE OF SOVIET CONCERN IN THIS AREA.

3. THE MOST IMPORTANT CLUE IS THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF CREATION  
OF A COMMITTEE OF WARSAW PACT FOREIGN MINISTERS AND A UNI-  
FIED SECRETARIAT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF "CONTINUALLY IMPROVING  
THE MECHANISM OF POLITICAL COLLABORATION." WHEN THE WARSAW  
PACT BEGAN, POLITICAL COLLABORATION COULD BE ASSURED BY A  
SERIES OF APPROPRIATE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM THE MOSCOW  
KREMLIN TO THE RESPECTIVE SATELLITE CAPITALS. NOW THE  
SITUATION HAS ALTERED ENOUGH SO THAT IT IS FELT NECESSARY  
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TO SET UP A FORMAL MECHANISM INTO WHICH REAL LIFE MIGHT YET

BE INFUSED.

4. MOSCOW IS SEEKING TO RETAIN ITS MILITARY, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PRIMACY OVER EASTERN EUROPE AT MINIMUM COST IN THE FACE OF INCREASING PRESSURE FROM INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THAT AREA. THIS IS AN ERA WHEN LEADERS OF THE MAJOR FRENCH AND ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTIES PRIDE THEMSELVES ON PUBLICLY CHALLENGING MOSCOW AND TRYING TO PROVE THAT THEY ARE NOT MERE KREMLIN PUPPETS. THEIR ATTITUDE CAN HARDLY BE HIDDEN FROM THE EAST EUROPEANS.

5. THIS IS AN ERA, TOO, IN WHICH IT BECOMES EVER MORE RIDICULOUS TO TALK OF THE "IMPERIALIST NATO THREAT" AS THE FACTS ABOUT POST-VIETNAM UNITED STATES SENTIMENT AND OF THE INCREASING ABSORPTION WITH INTERNAL PROBLEMS OF SUCH NATIONS AS BRITAIN AND FRANCE BECOME KNOWN IN EASTERN EUROPE. MORE AND MORE, INTELLIGENT AND INCREASINGLY WELL INFORMED EASTERN EUROPEANS MUST QUESTION THE REALITY OF THE SUPPOSED WESTERN THREAT, WHICH HAS ALWAYS BEEN USED TO JUSTIFY SOVIET DOMINATION AND THE EXISTENCE OF THE WARSAW PACT ITSELF.

6. MOREOVER, MANY OF THE EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE INTERNAL TENSIONS THAT MUST LEAD THE KREMLIN TO WONDER WHETHER IT WILL HAVE TO FACE FUTURE CHALLENGES SUCH AS HUNGARY POSED IN 1956 AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN 1968. THIS FERMENT IS ALL THE MORE TROUBLESOME, BECAUSE EASTERN EUROPEAN DISSIDENTS CAN POINT TO THE HELSINKI DECLARATION'S PROVISIONS FOR FREER AND MORE NUMEROUS CONTACTS THROUGHOUT EUROPE, WHICH ALL THE WARSAW PACT NATIONS ENDORSED.

7. IN EAST GERMANY, FOR EXAMPLE, THERE HAS BEEN AN UP-SURGE OF DEMANDS FOR THE RIGHT TO VISIT OR EMIGRATE TO WEST GERMANY, WHILE THE EAST GERMAN REGIME HAS ALSO FOUND IT NECESSARY TO EXILE ITS MOST PROMINENT FOLK SINGER, WOLF BIERMAN. IN POLAND, MEMORIES ARE STILL FRESH OF THE SPONTANEOUS WORKER RESISTANCE A FEW MONTHS AGO THAT BROUGHT GOVERNMENT CAPITULATION ON PLANNED PRICE INCREASES. NOW THERE IS RISING AGITATION OVER THE PUNISHMENT THEN

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METED OUT TO THE DISSIDENT WORKERS.

9. THE SURFACE OF EASTERN EUROPE IS STILL RELATIVELY CALM, BUT UNDERNEATH POWERFUL FORCES SEEKING GREATER NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE ARE HARD AT WORK, TO MOSCOW'S DISCOMFORT AND DISMAY. ROBINSON

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